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Remarks

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. The Applicant has made various revisions to the claims for reasons unrelated to patentability. The Applicant has canceled claims 25-31 and 38 without prejudice. Claims 1-6, 10, 11, 14-19, 21-24, and 32-37 are currently pending.

The proposed amendments are needed for the reasons stated below and should not require any additional search or consideration. The proposed amended claims are patentable for at least the same reasons as before the proposed amendments. The proposed amendments were not presented earlier because the application was recently transferred to the firm of the undersigned attorney.

The Applicant has corrected a typographical error in the matrix in claim 1. [See, e.g., Application, page 23.] Claim 1 should still be allowable.

The Applicant has moved the details about the "transform process" to the "transform process" part of claim 11. [See, e.g., Application, pages 12, 15, and 16.] The Applicant has also corrected minor errors in claim 11 and claim 16. [See, e.g., Application, pages 12 and 15.] Claim 11 should still be allowable.

The Applicant has corrected a typographical error in the matrix in claim 21. [See, e.g., Application, page 23.] Claim 21 should still be allowable.

The Applicant has corrected a typographical error in the matrix in claim 23. [See, e.g., Application, page 23.] Claim 23 should still be allowable.

The Applicant has moved the details about the "transform process" to the "transform process" part of claim 24. [See, e.g., Application, pages 12, 15, and 16.] Claim 24 should still be allowable.

The Applicant has reworded parts of independent claim 32 for the sake of internal consistency. The Applicant has corrected a typographical error in the matrix in claim 32 and corrected a minor error in claim 35. [See, e.g., Application, page 23.] Claim 32 should still be allowable.

Claims 1-6, 10, 11, 14-19, 21-24, and 32-37 should be allowable.

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